

Claims:

1. A cartridge containing one or more beverage ingredients  
and being formed from substantially air- and water-  
impermeable materials, said cartridge comprising an  
inlet for the introduction of an aqueous medium into  
the cartridge, and an outlet for a beverage produced  
from said one or more beverage ingredients, wherein  
said cartridge comprises an outer member, an inner  
member inserted in the outer member and means for  
producing a jet of the beverage, wherein said means for  
producing the jet of the beverage comprises an aperture  
in a beverage flow path linking the inlet to the  
outlet, characterised in that the aperture is delimited  
by an interface between the inner member and the outer  
member.
2. A cartridge as claimed in claim 1 wherein one of the  
inner member or outer member comprises an opening and  
the other of the inner member or outer member comprises  
an obstruction, wherein on insertion of the inner  
member in the outer member, the obstruction partially  
obstructs the opening to so delimit the aperture
3. A cartridge as claimed in claim 2 wherein the opening  
comprises an elongated slot.
4. A cartridge as claimed in claim 3 wherein the inner  
member comprises said elongated slot.

5. A cartridge as claimed in claim 4 wherein the outer member comprises the obstruction.
- 5 6. A cartridge as claimed in claim 5 wherein the obstruction comprises an extension of the outer member at least a part of which projects into the inner member.
- 10 7. A cartridge as claimed in claim 6 wherein the elongated slot is formed in a cylindrical wall of the inner member.
- 15 8. A cartridge as claimed in claim 7 wherein the elongated slot extends to the upper edge of the cylindrical wall.
- 20 9. A cartridge as claimed in claim 7 wherein the extension of the outer member is a cylindrical extension which is received as a sliding fit within the cylindrical wall of the inner member.
- 25 10. A cartridge as claimed in claim 9 wherein the aperture has a cross-sectional area of 0.4 to 0.7 mm<sup>2</sup>.
- 30 11. A cartridge as claimed in claim 10 further comprising at least one inlet for air and means for generating a pressure reduction of the jet of beverage, whereby, in use, air from the at least one air inlet is incorporated into the beverage as a plurality of small bubbles.

12. A cartridge as claimed in claim 11 wherein the at least one air inlet is provided in the inner member downstream of the aperture.
- 5 13. A cartridge as claimed in claim 12 wherein the inner member comprises a discharge spout defining the outlet.
14. A cartridge as claimed in claim 13 wherein the jet of beverage issuing from the aperture is directed into the  
10 discharge spout.
15. A cartridge as claimed in claim 14 wherein the jet of beverage impinges a surface of the discharge spout between issuing from the aperture and exiting the  
15 outlet.
16. A cartridge as claimed in claim 15 wherein the surface is a concave wall of the discharge spout.
- 20 17. A cartridge as claimed in claim 16 wherein the concave wall is positioned on an opposite side of the discharge spout from the aperture.
18. A cartridge as claimed in claim 17 wherein the aperture  
25 directs the beverage to flow at an angle substantially perpendicular to a flow of beverage out of the outlet.
19. A cartridge as claimed in claim 18 wherein the discharge spout is integral with the inner member.

20. A cartridge as claimed in claim 19 wherein the cartridge is disc-shaped.
21. A cartridge as claimed in claim 20 wherein the outer  
5 member and/or inner member are formed from polypropylene.
22. A cartridge as claimed in claim 21 wherein the outer  
10 member and/or inner member are formed from a biodegradable polymer.
23. A cartridge as claimed in claim 22 wherein the outer member and/or inner member is formed by injection moulding.